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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2003 for the above-identified patent application.

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2003 be extended for a period of one (1) month from August 28, 2003 to and including September 29, 2003, estimated to be \$110.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

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